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ANNUAL MEETING OF HONORARY CONSULTANTS

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library will be held on Friday, 20 October 1950, in Washington. It will be a one-day meeting, with a morning session at the Library and afternoon session at the Army Medical Center.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following nominations for office in the Association:

For President:	Dr. Wilburt C. Davison, Durham, North Carolina
For Vice-President:	Dr. Henry R. Viets, Boston, Massachusetts
For Treasurer:	Dr. Robert M. Stecher, Cleveland, Ohio
For Secretary:	Mr. Thomas E. Keys, Rochester, Minnesota
For Member at Large, Executive Committee:	Dr. Edward H. Cushing, Washington, D. C.

KANARDY TAYLOR APPOINTED

Mr. Kanardy L. Taylor, Assistant Librarian of the John Crerar Library in Chicago since January 1947, has been appointed Assistant to the Director, Army Medical Library. He will assume his new duties on 1 October 1950.

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DIRECTOR ON LEAVE

Major Frank B. Rogers returned from three-weeks leave on 5 September 1950. During his absence Miss M. Ruth MacDonald, Chief of the Catalog Division, was Acting Director.

NEWS FROM CLEVELAND

The Cleveland News for 8 August 1950 carried a story and picture of Mr. Francis E. Sommer, linguist and specialist in Oriental languages. The article had as its focal point a Korean vocabulary which Mr. Sommer translated from a German textbook.

Mr. Sommer, a member of the staff of the John G. White collection of Orientalia of the Cleveland Public Library, is under contract to spend part of his time working with the Oriental collection of the History of Medicine Division. With the recent publication of A Catalogue of Incunabula and Manuscripts in the Army Medical Library (which includes a section by Mr. Sommer on the Library's Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Singhalese manuscripts), Mr. Sommer completed his work on the Army Medical Library's Near East material. He is now at work on the Far Eastern writings - Japanese and Chinese. Besides being a specialist in Oriental languages, Mr. Sommer knows many others, including French, Russian, Italian, Polish and his native German.

Dr. Loren C. MacKinney, Professor of Medieval History at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has been working with some of the early writings in the History of Medicine Division's rare book collection. He is preparing a paper entitled "Medical Ethics and Etiquette in the Early Middle Ages."

TOILET ROOM WORK IN PROGRESS

Work began early in August on the installation of the third floor toilet room. Scaffolding now occupies much of the stairway from the first to the second floor of the Library Building and portraits and exhibit cases have been removed for safekeeping.

As soon as the third floor project is completed, remodeling of the first and second floor toilet rooms is due to proceed.

COLONEL McNINCH REASSIGNED

Colonel Joseph H. McNinch, Medical Corps, reported on 1 September 1950 to the Headquarters, First U. S. Army, at Governors Island, New York, for assignment under a recent change of orders. Previous to the emergency he had been under orders to attend the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, for the school year beginning September 1950. Colonel McNinch served as Director of the Army Medical Library from December 1946 to October 1949. Since that time he has maintained an active interest in the Library by serving on various committees and boards concerned with its future development.

Succeeding Colonel McNinch as Editor of the History of the Medical Department, U. S. Army, in World War II is Colonel Roger G. Prentiss, Jr., Medical Corps, who reported for duty in the Surgeon General's Office on 31 July 1950. Colonel Prentiss recently returned from Germany where he served as Medical Consultant, European Command. During World War II he was on duty in the Office of the Surgeon General as coordinator of Medical Department Research and Development activities, being the first Chairman of the Medical Research and Development Board. He received his B.S. in 1924 and his M.D. in 1928 from the University of Vermont and came into the military service immediately following his graduation.

PICTURE COLLECTION

As announced in the February 1950 News, the Army Medical Library is soliciting portraits for its Art Section collection. It is attempting to enlarge its collection of more than ten thousand photographs and prints of medical men of the past four hundred years by securing portraits of contemporaries who have made significant contributions to the medical sciences. The Art Section is operating as a part of the Catalog Division until such time as the History of Medicine Division is transferred to Washington.

Early in the year letters were addressed to the 1949 Initiates of the American College of Surgeons and photographs are still coming in in response to this request. Approximately two hundred have been received. Similar letters will go out this month to the Fellows and Masters of the American College of Physicians whose portraits are not now in the collection. A news item to this effect appeared in Annals of Internal Medicine for August 1950.

Plans are being made also to collect pictures of hospitals, both military and civilian. A note regarding this plan is scheduled to appear in the October 1950 issue of Hospitals, the Journal of the American Hospital Association. It is hoped to secure exterior and interior views of hospitals of various types, sizes, and locations. Souvenir booklets published at the time of celebrations such as formal openings of new buildings, centennials or other anniversaries, are also desired.

The Library will be pleased to receive photographs and pictures not directly solicited. Unmounted, glossy prints approximately eight by ten inches in size, with the name of the subject and the year the picture was taken printed on the reverse, are preferred. Portraits also should be autographed on the front. They should be addressed to the Catalog Division, Army Medical Library, Washington 25, D. C.

VISITORS

Dr. J. N. P. Davies, Librarian of Makerere College, Uganda, British East Africa, visited the Library on 29 August. Dr. Davies has been in the United States for several months studying medical library procedures and collecting medical literature for the fast growing library of Makerere College, the only medical library of consequence between North Africa and the Cape. It serves an area of more than 700,000 square miles and a population of twenty million people. Assistance to this library is an approved project of the Medical Library Association, working through the U. S. Book Exchange. We are gratified to have contributed considerably to the collections of this isolated and pioneering institution.

Among other visitors during the past month were:

Ryotaro Asuma, M.D., Director of the Bureau of Medical Affairs in the Japanese government, Tokyo. Mr. Groesbeck, Chief of the Library's Acquisition Division, met Dr. Asuma in the office of the Public Health and Welfare Section, GHQ, Tokyo, in 1948. As Director of the Bureau of Medical Affairs, Dr. Asuma heads a national system of about three hundred hospitals. He is in the United States on the exchange of personnel program for the purpose of studying hospital administration.

Dr. Luciana Crisari, Secretary of the Italian Commission for the Reorganization of the School Program, Rome.

Miss Laura C. Colvin, Associate Professor of Library Science, Simmons College, Boston.

Muhiddin Erel, M.D., Director, Institute of Hygiene, and Professor of Hygiene, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey.

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